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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The sixty-sixth session of the Human Rights Committee will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 12 to 30 July 1999. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 12 July 1999 at 10.30 a.m.
2. In accordance with rule 6 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has prepared, in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee, the attached provisional agenda for the sixty-sixth session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are also attached.
3. Pursuant to rule 33 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee will be held in public unless the Committee decides otherwise or it appears from the relevant provisions of the Covenant or the Optional Protocol that the meetings should be held in private.
4. The attention of States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 4 which contain the tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the sixty-sixth session. In accordance with rule 68 of the Committee's rules of procedure, representatives of States parties are present at the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined.
5. At its sixty-fifth session, the Committee decided that a working group, established under rules 62 and 89 of its rules of procedure, should meet for a period of one week prior to its sixty-sixth session. The working group is scheduled to meet at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 5 to 9 July 1999.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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8. Future meetings of the Committee.
9. Annual Report of the Committee to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council under article 45 of the Covenant and article 6 of the Optional Protocol.

ANNOTATIONS

1. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 8 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda for any session shall be the adoption of the agenda. In accordance with rule 9, during a session, the Committee may revise the agenda and may, as appropriate, defer or delete items.

2. Organizational and other matters

Under this item, the Committee will consider its programme of work for the session. In this connection, it may be noted that the Committee decided at its sixty-fifth session that the pre-sessional working group would deal not only with communications under the Optional Protocol, but would also address issues under article 40 of the Covenant and prepare concise lists of issues concerning reports scheduled for consideration at the sixty-sixth and sixty-seventh sessions. The Committee will consider any draft general comment that may be put before it, and continue its discussion of methods of work with a view to adopting new guidelines on the examination of State party reports, consider ways of overcoming the backlog of State party reports and of communications awaiting examination, and explore ways of obtaining strengthened secretariat support, including through the adoption of a plan of action. The Committee will also consider the recommendations of the 11th meeting of Chairpersons (31 May-4 June 1999).

3. Submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant

A. Reports received

In addition to the reports which are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its sixty-sixth session (see the timetable for consideration of reports under item 4 below), the Secretary-General has received the reports of the following States parties:

Initial reports

<u>State party</u>	<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Date due</u>	<u>Date received</u>
Kyrgyzstan	CCPR/C/113/Add.1	1996	5 May 1998
Kuwait	CCPR/C/120/Add.1	1997	18 May 1998

Second periodic reports 1/

<u>State party</u>	<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Date due</u>	<u>Date received</u>
Guyana	CCPR/C/GUY/99/2	1987	1 February 1999
Afghanistan	CCPR/C/57/Add.5	1989	25 October 1991
Congo	CCPR/C/63/Add.5	1990	9 July 1996
Republic of Korea	CCPR/C/114/Add.1	1996	2 October 1997
Gabon	CCPR/C/128/Add.1	1996	6 February 1998
Ireland	CCPR/C/IRL/98/2	1996	29 September 1998
Switzerland	CCPR/C/CH/98/2	1998	6 February 1998

Third periodic reports

Australia	CCPR/C/AUS/98/3	1991	28 August 1998
Netherlands (Antilles)	CCPR/C/NET/99/3/Add.1	1991	10 February 1999
Venezuela	CCPR/C/VEN/98/3	1993	8 July 1998
Cameroon	CCPR/C/102/Add.2	1995	6 March 1997
Argentina	CCPR/C/ARG/98/3	1997	20 July 1998

Fourth periodic reports

Australia	CCPR/C/AUS/98/4	1996	28 August 1998
Morocco	CCPR/C/115/Add.1	1996	27 January 1997
Norway	CCPR/C/115/Add.1	1996	4 February 1997
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (Jersey, Guernsey, Isle of Man)	CCPR/C/95/Add.10	1994	12 February 1997
Portugal (Macau)	CCPR/C/POR/99/4/Add.1	1996	1 March 1999
Mongolia	CCPR/C/103/Add.7	1995	20 April 1998
Peru	CCPR/C/PER/98/4	1998	3 July 1998
Yugoslavia	CCPR/C/YUG/99/4	1993	5 March 1999
Denmark	CCPR/C/DNK/98/4	1998	30 December 1998
Netherlands (Antilles)	CCPR/C/NET/99/4/Add.1	1996	10 February 1999

Fifth periodic reports

Hong Kong	CCPR/C/HK/99/1	1998	11 January 1999
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1/ By decision of the Human Rights Committee the symbol of reports will henceforth be simplified to indicate the initials of the State party, the year of submission and the number of the report.

B. Reports due

The situation with regard to the submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant is as follows:

States parties whose reports were due as of 15 May 1999**INITIAL REPORTS**

<u>State party</u>	<u>Date due</u>	<u>Number of reminders sent</u>
Equatorial Guinea	23 December 1988	16
Somalia	22 April 1991	9
Croatia	6 October 1992	7
Grenada	4 December 1992	6
Albania	3 January 1993	8
Angola	9 April 1993	5
Benin	10 June 1993	6
Côte d'Ivoire	24 June 1993	4
Seychelles	3 August 1993	6
Czech Republic	30 December 1993	4
Republic of Moldova	24 April 1994	5
Ethiopia	9 September 1994	5
Dominica	15 September 1994	5
Mozambique	19 October 1994	4
Cape Verde	4 November 1994	3
Bosnia and Herzegovina	4 March 1995	-
Malawi	20 March 1995	4
Namibia	26 February 1996	2
Chad	7 September 1996	2
Uganda	19 September 1996	2
Uzbekistan	26 December 1996	-
Haiti	30 December 1996	-
Belize	8 September 1997	1
Sierra Leone	22 November 1997	-
Thailand	28 January 1998	-
Turkmenistan	31 July 1998	-
Greece	4 August 1998	-
Honduras	24 November 1998	-
Monaco	27 November 1998	-

SECOND PERIODIC REPORTS

<u>State party</u>	<u>Date due</u>	<u>Number of reminders sent</u>
Syrian Arab Republic	17 August 1984	26
New Zealand (Cook Islands)	27 March 1985	-
Gambia	20 June 1985	24
Suriname	1 August 1985	23
Kenya	10 April 1986	22
Mali	10 April 1986	22
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	12 December 1987	18
Central African Republic	9 April 1989	15
Viet Nam	31 July 1991	11
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	30 October 1991	11
San Marino	16 January 1992	10
Philippines	22 January 1993	8
Equatorial Guinea	23 December 1993	6
Niger	31 March 1994	6
Somalia	22 April 1996	2
Burundi	8 August 1996	2
Malta	11 December 1996	-
Haiti	5 May 1997	1
Slovenia	22 June 1997	1
Zimbabwe	12 August 1997	1
Nepal	12 August 1997	1
Croatia	7 October 1997	1
Grenada	5 December 1997	-
Albania	3 January 1998	1
Estonia	19 January 1998	1
Angola	9 April 1998	-
Brazil	22 April 1998	-
Benin	11 June 1998	-
Côte d'Ivoire	25 June 1998	-
Latvia	13 July 1998	-
Guatemala	3 August 1998	-
Seychelles	4 August 1998	-
Cambodia	25 August 1998	-
United States of America	6 September 1998	-
Paraguay	8 September 1998	-
Azerbaijan	11 November 1998	-

THIRD PERIODIC REPORTS

<u>State party</u>	<u>Date due</u>	<u>Number of reminders sent</u>
Syrian Arab Republic	17 August 1989	15
Trinidad and Tobago	19 March 1990	15
Gambia	20 June 1990	13
Suriname	2 August 1990	13
Barbados	10 April 1991	12
Kenya	10 April 1991	12
Mali	10 April 1991	12
Nicaragua	10 June 1991	11
Democratic Republic of the Congo	30 July 1991	11
Jamaica	1 August 1991	10
Portugal	31 July 1991	-
Netherlands	30 October 1991	-
Panama	31 March 1992	10
Guyana	9 April 1992	10
Rwanda	9 April 1992	4
Madagascar	30 July 1992	9
Central African Republic	7 August 1992	9
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	12 October 1992	8
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	7 February 1993	8
Viet Nam	22 December 1993	2
Guinea	30 December 1993	4
Afghanistan	22 April 1994	-
Luxembourg	16 November 1994	4
Bulgaria	30 December 1994	4
Egypt	30 December 1994	4
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	30 December 1994	4
Congo	3 January 1995	3
El Salvador	30 December 1995	2
Togo	30 December 1995	-
San Marino	17 January 1997	2
Niger	6 June 1997	1
Philippines	22 January 1998	-
Yemen	7 May 1998	-
Zambia	30 June 1998	-

FOURTH PERIODIC REPORTS

<u>State party</u>	<u>Date due</u>	<u>Number of reminders sent</u>
Democratic Republic of the Congo	30 January 1993	-
Panama	5 June 1993	7
Madagascar	2 August 1993	7
Dominican Republic	3 April 1994	6
Syrian Arab Republic	17 August 1994	5
Trinidad and Tobago	19 March 1995	6
New Zealand	27 March 1995	-
Gambia	20 June 1995	3
Hungary	1 August 1995	3
Suriname	1 August 1995	3
Venezuela	1 November 1995	3
El Salvador	27 February 1996	-
Barbados	10 April 1996	-
Kenya	10 April 1996	-
Mali	10 April 1996	-
Nicaragua	10 June 1996	2
Portugal	31 July 1996	-
Sri Lanka	9 September 1996	2
Netherlands	30 October 1996	-
Jordan	21 January 1997	-
Guyana	10 April 1997	-
Rwanda	10 April 1996	-
Central African Republic	7 August 1997	-
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	13 October 1997	-
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	8 February 1998	-
Mauritius	30 June 1998	-

FIFTH PERIODIC REPORTS

Democratic Republic of the Congo	30 January 1997	-
Tunisia	3 February 1998	-
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	21 March 1998	-
Lebanon	21 March 1998	-
Panama	6 June 1998	-
Yugoslavia	3 August 1998	1
Madagascar	3 August 1998	-
Russian Federation	3 November 1998	-
Iraq	4 April 1999	-
Spain	27 April 1999	-
Romania	28 April 1999	-

4. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant

A tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the sixty-sixth session, prepared in consultation with the Chairperson and subject to approval by the Committee, is given below:

Timetable for consideration of reports of States parties

Cambodia CCPR/C/81/Add.12	Initial	Wednesday	14 July 1999
Mexico CCPR/C/123/Add.1	Fourth	Friday	16 July 1999
Poland CCPR/C/95/Add.8	Fourth	Monday	19 July 1999
Romania CCPR/C/95/Add.7	Fourth	Tuesday	20 July 1999

In accordance with rule 68 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the tentative dates on which their respective reports are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its sixty-sixth session.

5. General Comments of the Committee

Under this item, the Committee will continue consideration of the draft general comments on article 12 (freedom of movement) and article 3 (gender equality) and will consider any draft general comment that may be put before it by its pre-sessional Working Group.

6. Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XVII of the rules of procedure, the Committee will consider under this item communications which are or appear to be submitted to it under the Optional Protocol.

One hundred and sixty communications are pending before the Committee from earlier sessions. Forty-one of these communications have already been declared admissible and are pending for a decision on the merits, i.e. Views under article 5 (4) of the Optional Protocol. Pursuant to the Committee's new rules of procedure allowing the joint examination of admissibility and merits in appropriate cases, the Committee's examination of the remaining 119 communications may result in the adoption of Views, or in decisions declaring the communications admissible or inadmissible. In addition, the Committee will have before it summaries of a number of recently registered communications and summaries of new communications registered after its last session, together with an indication of any action which may have been taken by the Special Rapporteur on new communications.

In accordance with article 5, paragraph 3, of the Optional Protocol and rule 82 of the Committee's rules of procedure, this agenda item will be considered in closed meetings.

7. Follow-up on Views adopted pursuant to article 5, paragraph 4, of the Optional Protocol to the Covenant

Under this item, the Committee will assess the status of follow-up activities under the Optional Protocol and examine periodic reports submitted by the Special Rapporteur for the follow-up on Views.

8. Future meetings of the Committee

The Committee may wish to take decisions under this item on the schedule of its meetings to be held in 2000-2001.

9. Annual Report of the Committee to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council under article 45 of the Covenant and article 6 of the Optional Protocol

Under article 45 of the Covenant, the Committee is to submit to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, an annual report on its activities. Article 6 of the Optional Protocol provides that the Committee shall include in its annual report a summary of its Activities under the Protocol.
